

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/750,388

Examiner

Mark T. Le

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 17, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Ex's Pro. Dwg. Corr.</u> |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stoffel on May 16, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

In replaced paragraph [0039], after the semicolon, the word "and" has been inserted.

New paragraph [0039.1] has been replaced by the followings:

-- [0039.1] FIGURE 4 is a schematic representation of a handgrip in connection with closing levers. --.

New paragraph [0039.2] has been deleted.

At the end of replaced paragraph [0043], the description "As shown in Fig. 5, the power transfer element 6 can be a hollowed profiled section." has been deleted.

New paragraph [0047.1] has been replaced by the followings:

-- Figure 4 shows a schematic in which connecting element 30, forming a handgrip, is connected to closing levers 8 located on both sides of the short circuiting device. --.

In the drawings:

The proposed new drawings, Figures 4 and 5, filed on April 17, 2006, are not approved for entry because they are not fully supported by the originally filed disclosure. On the other hand, the examiner has provided an Examiner's Proposed Drawing Correction, including new Figure 4, which is considered to resolve the remaining objection to the instant drawings with respect to the features recited in instant claim 15. **Formal drawing is now required.**

As to the previous objection to the instant drawings for not showing a hollowed profiled section, as recited in instant claim 12, this objection is now withdrawn as it has been reconsidered that a need for showing a hollowed profile is not significant.

In the claims:

In claim 1, lines 9 and 12, "knee-type" has been changed to -- knee--; and the last line has been replaced by the followings: -- , in a position of electrically insulating from each other, are brought together to make electrical contact. --.

In claims 2 and 3, the last lines, the expression "knee-type" has been changed to -- knee--.

In claim 5, lines 2 and 3 have been replaced by the followings:
-- connection means is configured to make the electrical contact between the contact element and the contact arm by having the knee--; and line 4, "type joint is" has been changed to -- joint--.

In claim 6, line 2, "knee-type" has been changed to -- knee--.

In claim 15, last two lines have been replaced by the followings:

-- connection includes, on both sides of the short circuiting device, closing levers connected via a connecting element so as to form a handgrip. --.

3. During the interview conducted on May 16, 2006 between Examiner Le and Mr. Stoffel, the examiner indicated that the instant claims would be defined over the prior art if claim 1 were to be amended to include the contact element and the contact arm being in a position of electrically insulating from each other before the contact element and contact arm are being brought together (it is noted that in the structure of Izraeli, as applied in the previous grounds of rejection, the so-called contact element and contact arm are not in a position of electrically insulating from each other). Furthermore, the examiner's also suggested various changes to correct informalities in the instant claims, drawings, and specification, so as to place the application in better condition for allowance. In response, Mr. Stoffel accepted the examiner's proposed amendments as set forth above.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-6682. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (2:00-8:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel Morano can be reached on 571-272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner's Proposed Drawing Correction

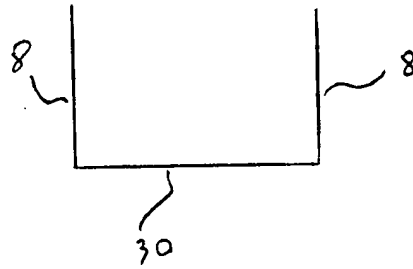


Fig. 4



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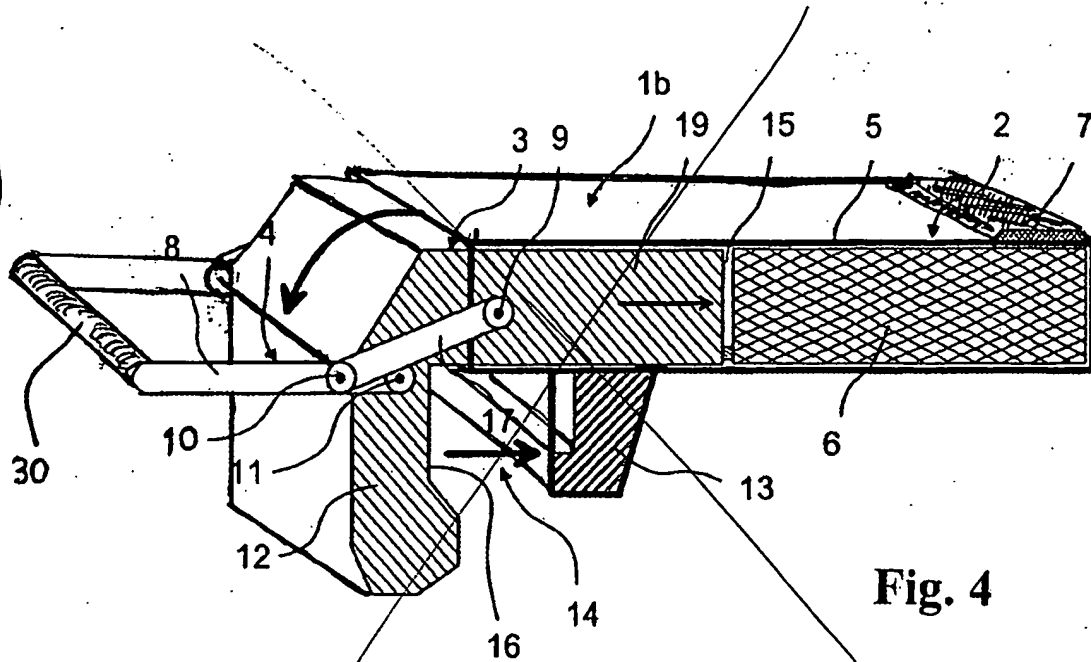


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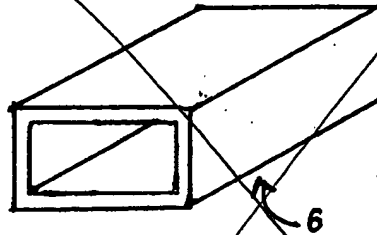


Fig. 5